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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/586,964  
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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 7393/71920

In re Application of: DE MEUTER et al.  
 Application No. 09/586,964  
 Filed: June 5, 2000  
 For: SUGAR-FREE HARD-COATING PREPARED FROM LIQUID ... AND SORBITOL

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
 2011 South Clark Place  
 Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment  
 Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
 Arlington, VA 22202

Date: May 17, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment to the Office Action in the subject application.

☐ small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.**DUE DATE: May 25, 2004****■ Petition For Extension Of Time**

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INDEPENDENT	3	MINUS	4	0	x 40=	\$	x 88=	\$0.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 25, 2004, please enter this  
Amendment.

(1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins  
on page 2 of this paper.

(2) Remarks/arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.